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# Raid On Bureau Force a Fiasco, Says Union

## BECK STRIPPED OF ARMY HONORS

### ATTORNEY ATTACKS STORY OF SHOOTING

Bullet Entered Back of Head, Says Prosecutor—Inquest Begins Saturday.

By JACK CARBERRY.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 6.—Through the tangled web of conflicting stories shadowing the alleged accidental slaying of Lieut. Col. Paul Ward Beck, commandant of post aviation field, Fort Sill, and well known in Washington society, by Jean P. Day, former State supreme court justice and millionaire oil man, authorities today visioned disclosures which threatened to rock the army post to its very foundation.

Stripped of Decorations.

For while brother officers of the slain airman sought to defend Beck, Forest Hughes, prosecuting attorney, announced he "was on the trail of a series of gay parties in which the airman was mixed with women and 'bottle' would be revealed."

Hughes based his investigation into the killing of Beck on reports that the "Day home, in the hours preceding the tragedy, resembled a military post."

While the investigation proceeded, brother officers of the dead airman visited the home in the morning and stripped Beck's uniform all insignia of rank and decoration.

The action was taken on orders of Major Thomas B. Lanther, commanding officer of the military court investigating the killing.

That other officers than Beck and Maj. R. J. Padlock, relative of Gen. John J. Pershing, were present at the party which preceded the tragedy was denied both at Fort Sill and at the Day home.

Shot in Back of Head.

Day's story of the tragedy, according to Hughes, has been disproved in the finding of the bullet lodged in Beck's brain.

The mushroomed pellet entered back of the airman's head, splitting against the skull and penetrating every part of the head in a dozen fragments.

"How a man could be facing another and then shoot him in the back of the head is beyond me," Hughes said, commenting on Day's story.

In answer to Hughes' statements, Day re-narrated the tragedy in its entirety. With his twenty-year-old daughter, Doris Day, he said, "Day with the aid of his wife, detailed every move he claims to have made in the brief space preceding Beck's death."

Daddy did exactly right—I glory in him. Miss Day, tears streaming from her eyes, told the group who witnessed her father's portrayal.

Attended School Here.

"Why don't they believe him—why do they doubt mother?" the girl demanded.

Miss Day, formerly attended National Park Seminary, at Forest Glen, Md., just outside Washington.

Miss Day's statement is believed to have prompted her mother in demanding the right to tell her complete story before a coroner's jury Saturday.

"I want to tell my story—tell it all," Miss Day said, "I did not want to tell my story to the coroner's jury. Day announced, overruling the wishes of his counsel.

These 2 Wives Claim Same Husband. And There's Still Another Girl Who Says He Is Her's.



PEGGY DAVIS GRAFTON.

### GRAFTON'S TRIO OF WIVES TELL TALES TO JURY

Polly Lorayne, Peggy Davis, and Mrs. Ellen Curley McIntyre in Court.

By Cosmopolitan News Service.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Joseph Donald Grafton, son of a Pittsburgh millionaire, is a much married man.

All of his wives are talking today. First—Polly Lorayne, actress, who says:

"Don took me to Pittsburgh, where he resided for five months. He introduced me to his father and brother as his wife. He took out a license to marry me in this city on February 1, 1921, but told me a ceremonial marriage was not necessary."

"He even introduced me to A. A. Shepherd, of the Garment News, his friend, who lived with us as a boarder, as Mrs. Grafton. I am surprised to learn that Shepherd was a witness to his marriage to Peggy Davis."

Second—Mary Margaret Laird Grafton (Peggy Davis), seventeen-year-old "Follies" girl, whose own story will be found on page three.

Third—Mrs. Ellen Curley McIntyre, of Youngstown, Ohio, who says:

"Grafton's ardent love-making swept me completely off my feet, so that I broke my engagement with a boyhood chum who had been a great favorite with my family."

"After our marriage we went to Cleveland and lived at the Winton Hotel. Shortly afterwards we came here and took rooms at the Markwell Hotel. Since Grafton deserted me I have been compelled to leave because of lack of funds."

"Before he left, Don explained

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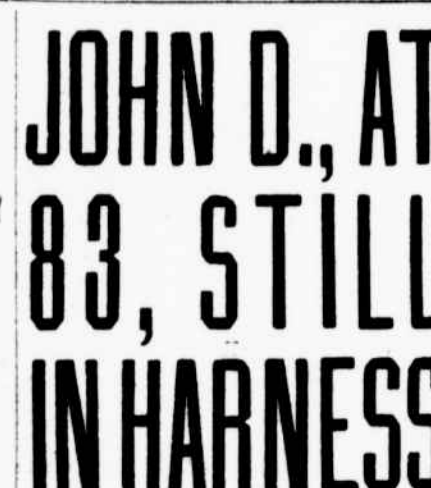
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Famous Actress Who Is Now In Want and Ill.



ROSE COGHLAN.

Rose Coghlan, for nearly fifty years one of the brightest stars in American theatricals, is almost destitute in New York. Defective memory makes it impossible for her to hold anything but very poor roles. Otto Kahn and David Belasco have rallied to the aid of Miss Coghlan, and a public benefit will be given for her.

"LITTLE NAVY" TANGLE

IN PRESIDENT'S HANDS

The row between little and big navy advocates was thrown back to the White House today for President Harding to mediate.

Having listened to the arguments of the members of the House Appropriations Committee, who insist they will appropriate money for the pay of no more than 65,000 men, President Harding today heard the other side of the story from Secretary of the Navy Denby and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who want a navy of 96,000 men established.

Denby and Roosevelt had a long conference with President Harding. When they left the White House they said: "The matter is in President Harding's hands."

The belief prevails that in the end President Harding will bring the opposing factions together on a basis of about 75,000 men.

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"Such reports," said Mellon's circular, "do not emanate from any official source and are absolutely without foundation."

There the situation rested today, with all parties to the controversy in frequent consultation with the White House.

Friends of Secretary Mellon asserted today that his position is "rapidly becoming untenable." Mr. Mellon has met with frequent rebuffs at the hands of Congress, and for his department now to be undergoing an overhauling "over his head" is leading to an embarrassing situation, his friends said.

Mellon's Policies Rebuffed.

Many of Secretary Mellon's policies have met with rebuff at the Capitol. His tax recommendations were turned down by Congress virtually in toto, and the House Ways and Means Committee wrote him a tax revision bill, which was

LOVE FAILED TO THRIVE ON CHEWING GUM DIET

CHICAGO, April 6.—A package of chewing gum was the sole contribution of Fred Parks, a civil engineer, to the support of his wife since their marriage several months ago, according to the testimony of Mrs. Parks yesterday, before Judge Adams, in domestic relations court.

"I met him at the Lonely Hearts Club," she said.

"That's right," interjected Parks. "I didn't have any money and said 'I couldn't get married, but she said 'I have, let's go.' Well, we went."

The judge ordered Parks to pay \$10 a week.

## CABINET IN ROW OVER BANKER'S POLICIES

Treasury Upheaval Takes Place Over Pittsburgher's Head.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES.

International News Service.

An Administration family row of such proportions that it may lead to the resignation of Andrew W. Mellon as Secretary of the Treasury is in full swing in Washington today.

The retirement of the multi-millionaire Pittsburgher from the Harding Cabinet has been rumored a dozen times in recent months, but the rumors have always proved groundless.

Today, however, these reports revived such persistence as to convince many of his friends and opponents alike that Mr. Mellon's retirement is imminent.

Usual Denials Issued.

Brought to the attention of the White House and the Treasury Department, the reports met with the usual denials today.

It was not denied, however, that the most serious family row so far developed in President Harding's official family is in progress over the shakeups already made and contemplated in the Treasury Department and its various bureaus.

The shaking up is being actively directed by Elmer Dover, personal friend of the President, who only recently was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

At the time of his appointment Republican Senators said his mission was to "shake-up the Treasury, clean out the Democrats," of whom a great number are still in the Department.

Dover himself described his mission as "a reorganization in the interests of efficiency." He has been in frequent consultation with President Harding in the course of his work.

The shake-up in the Engraving Bureau, with the ousting of 30 divisional chiefs by Executive order, was to be followed, Dover said after a conference with the President, by the reorganization of the Customs Service, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and the prohibition unit.

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